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La Habra PD to host its 2nd Coffee with a Cop on January 10th *Program offers opportunity to meet local officers and discuss community issues*

La Habra: On Saturday, January 10th, officers from the La Habra Police Department will once again come together with community members in an informal setting to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event begins at 8 a.m. on January 10, 2015 at the Starbucks located at 1950 W. Whittier Blvd., La Habra, CA. Please contact Lt. Mel Ruiz with questions at (562) 383-4300 or by emailing him at MRuiz@lahabracal.gov.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in La Habra's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers," said Police Chief Jerry Price. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships."

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the

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communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

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